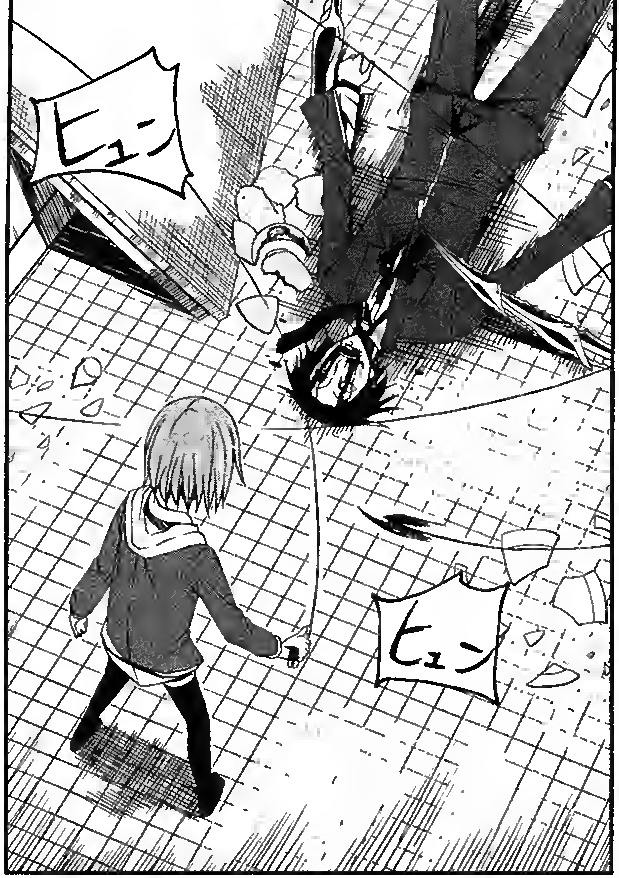
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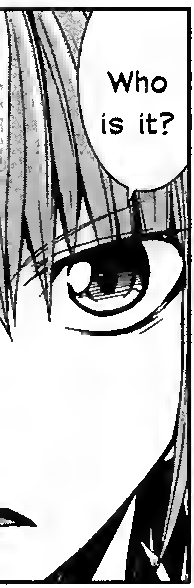
Who is it?

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Chapter 7 : Please Don't Get Close to Me

I'm just your ordinary "cleaner," eh.
Not really...
...come to kill me..?
Did you also...
I just came to tidy up this dead body.
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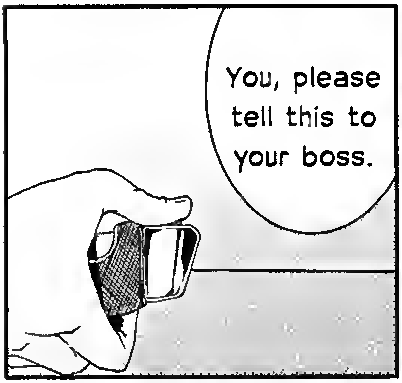
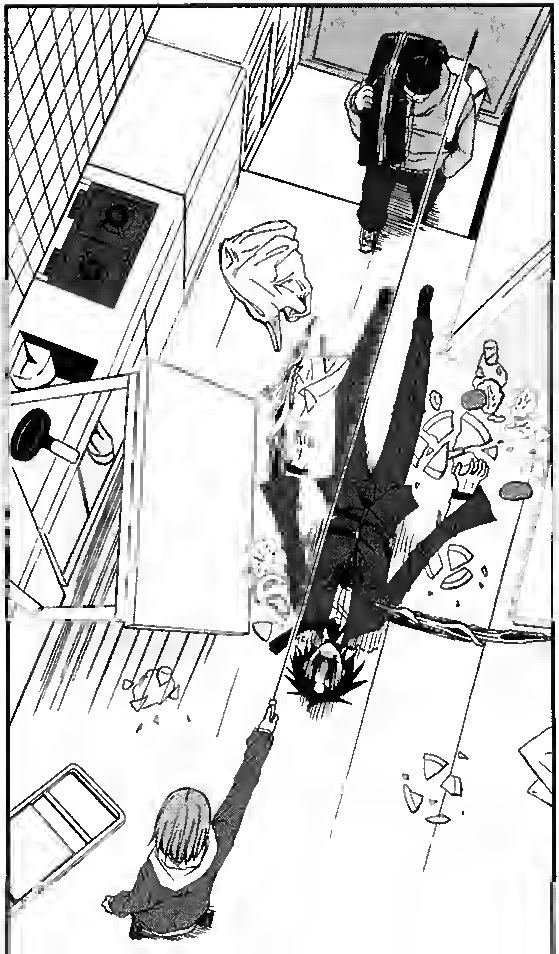
...it'd be perfect if you could just let me start workin-
This is a bit abrupt, but...

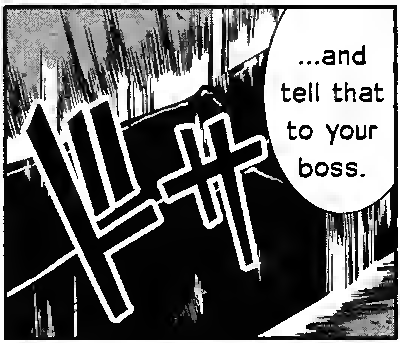
What are you plotting?


You, please tell this to your boss.

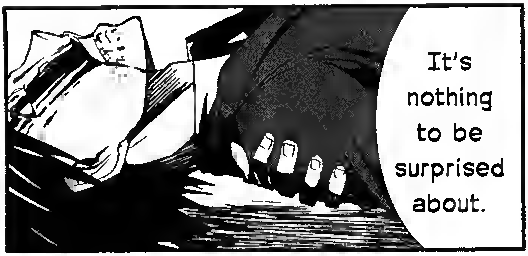


Go...
You will never be able to bind Kumo.

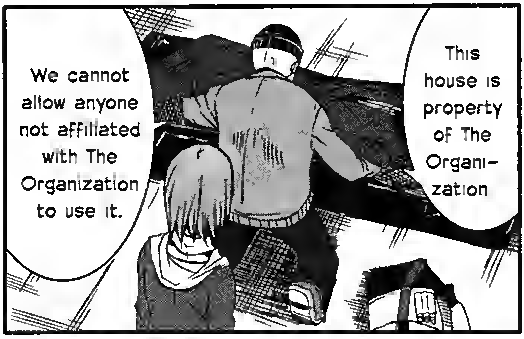
Leave now.
This is not your home.

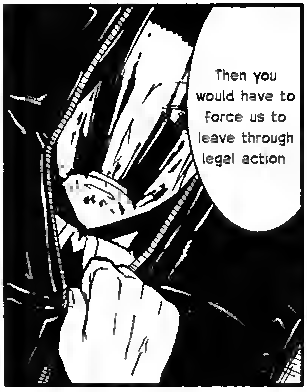

...and tell that to your boss.

...From The Organi-zation.
I also have a message for you...


It's nothing to be surprised about.

Eh...


We cannot allow anyone not affiliated with The Organization to use it.
This house is property of The Organi-zation


Then you would have to force us to leave through legal action

What if I were to say no?
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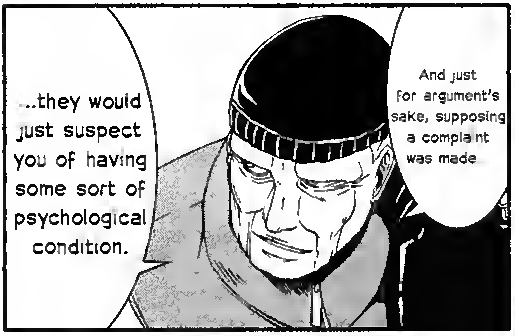
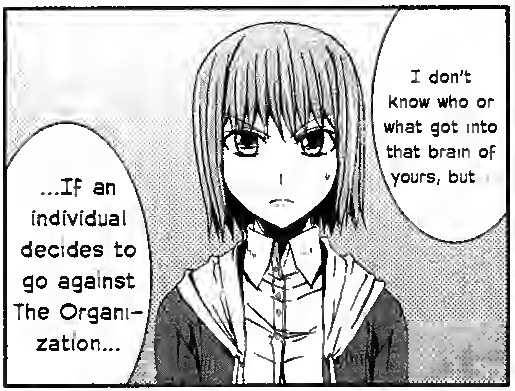
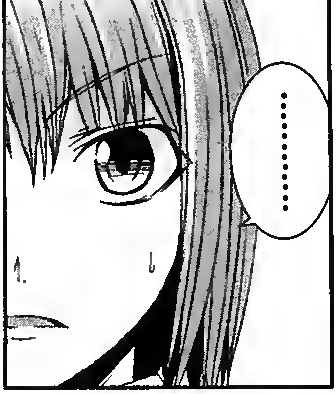
You could go and do that but
...it would be futile even if you went to the police crying.

...is impossible to prove.
The Organization's existence...


...they would just suspect you of having some sort of psychological condition.
And just for argument's sake, supposing a complaint was made


...If an individual decides to go against The Organization...
I don't know who or what got into that brain of yours, but

It's just "The Organization."
And for that reason, it has no name.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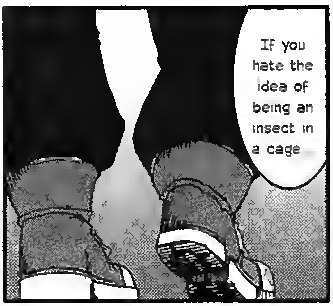
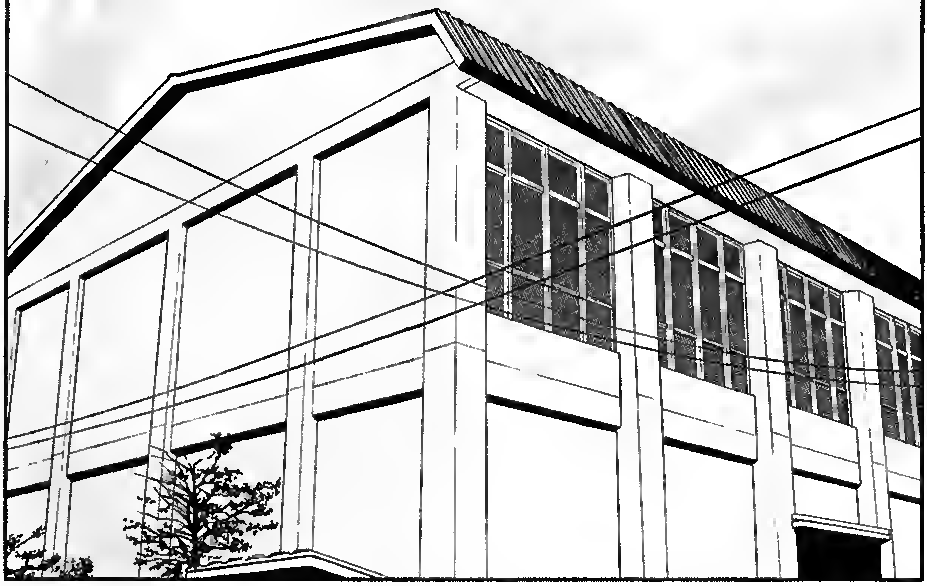

If you hate the idea of being an insect in a cage

...it's no different from suicide.
...If I may say so myself...

...Kumo.
...Make your own nest...



Yori!
Hey, what should we do now?
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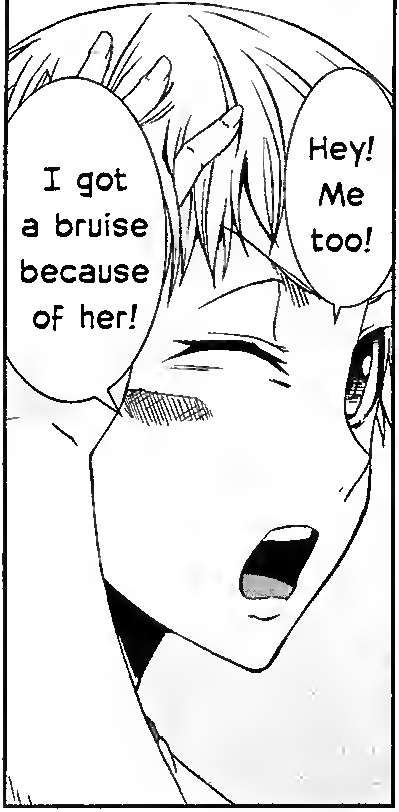
Her! You know, her!
Didn't you make up your mind already?

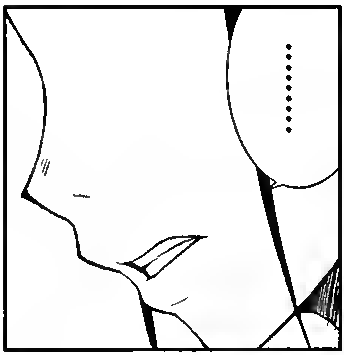
About what?

She suddenly went berserk ...
...getting all violent on us, totally pissed off...

Fujii Alice!


I got a bruise because of her!
Hey! Me too!

If you don't do the same to her face, I won't let you go.
Just like what happened to me, huh!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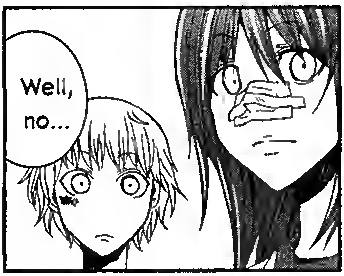
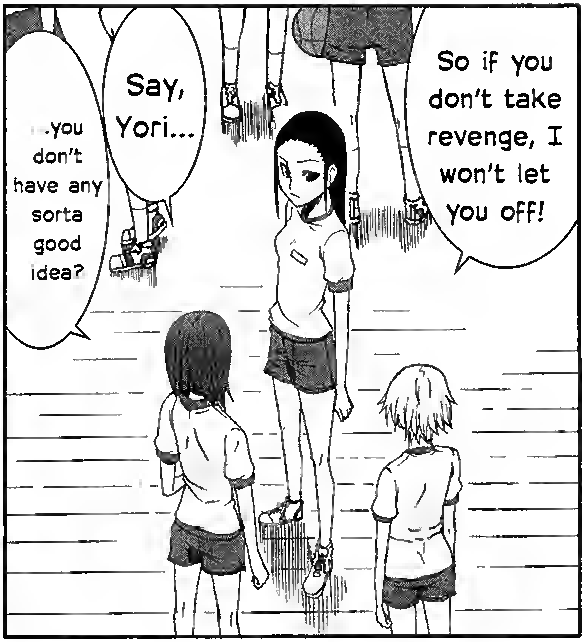

Well, no...


...you don't have any sorta good idea?
Say, Yori...
So if you don't take revenge, I won't let you off!

It's best...
...if we just leave her alone.
Eh...
W-Wait...
What's gotten into you, Yori!
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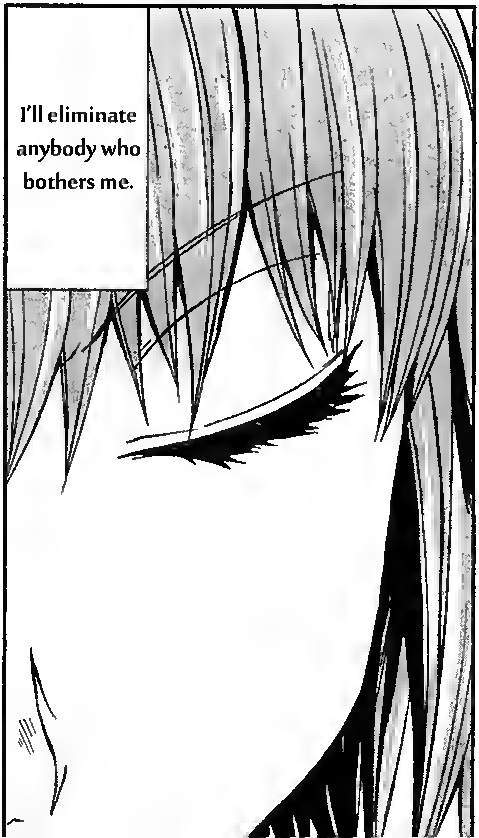
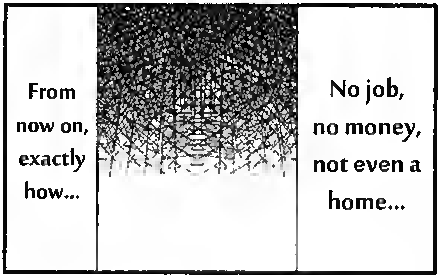
OOOKAY! EVERYONE GATHER AROUND! GATHER AROUND!!
I'M START-ING THE LESSON!

Ehhh... How tiring...
You.
Okay, marathon it is!
NOOO!!! I DON'T WANNA!!

Alrighty, everybody line up! Now!
Well, I have to be a bit strict about it, you know
Aww... Sensei ...
...Can we not do the match today...?

...Nothing out of the ordinary has changed...
That's what I decided, but...


I'll eliminate anybody who bothers me.


From now on, exactly how...
No job, no money, not even a home...

...if I were to continue living...
...What could I do...
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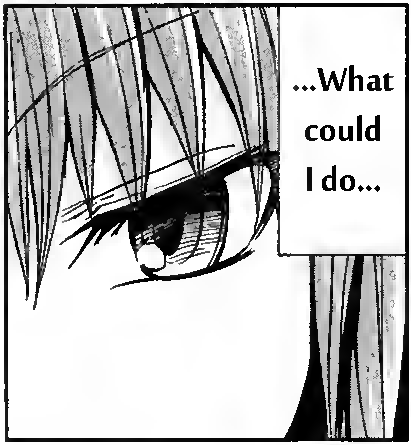
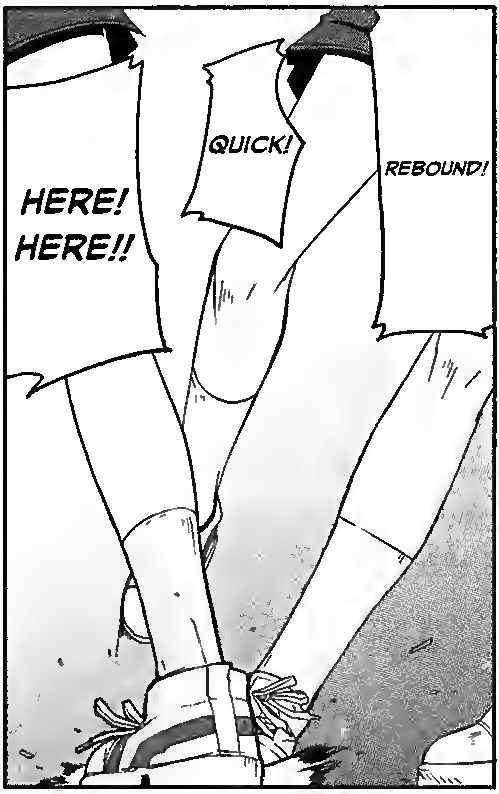
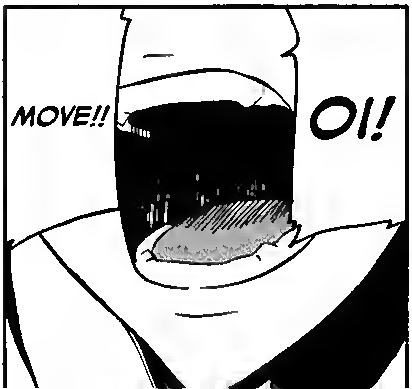

...What could I do...


QUICK!
REBOUND!
HERE! HERE!!


MOVE!!
OI!

Eh-
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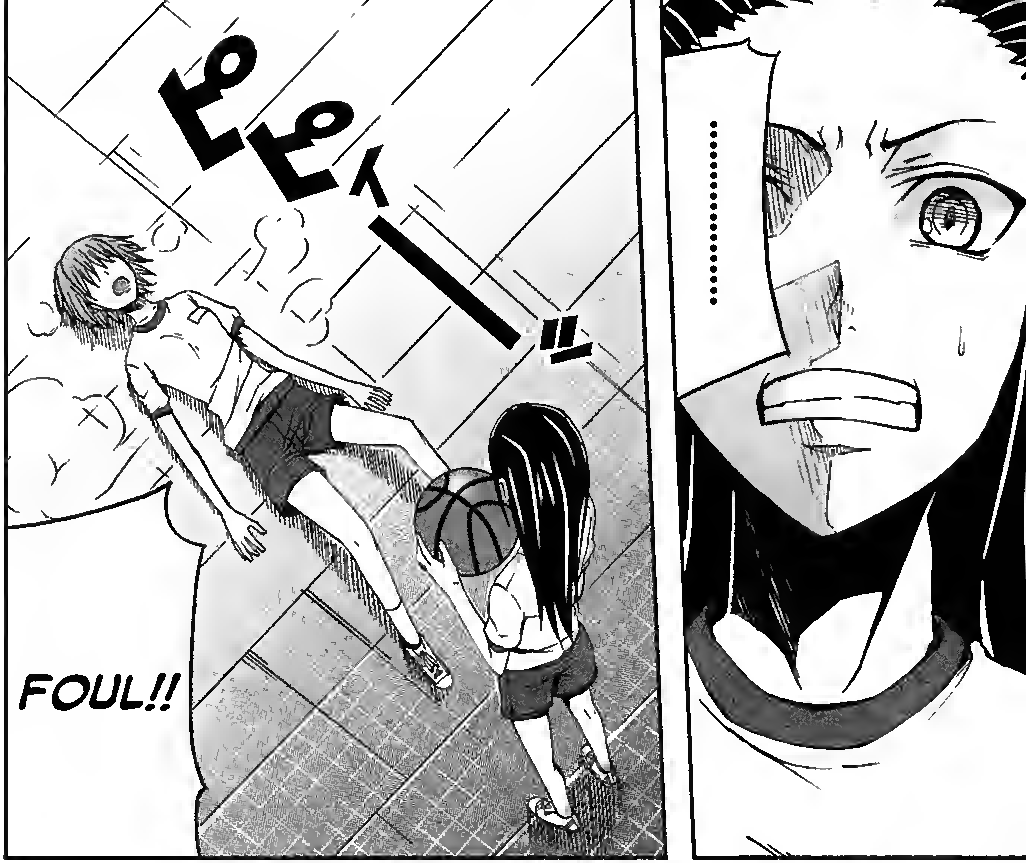
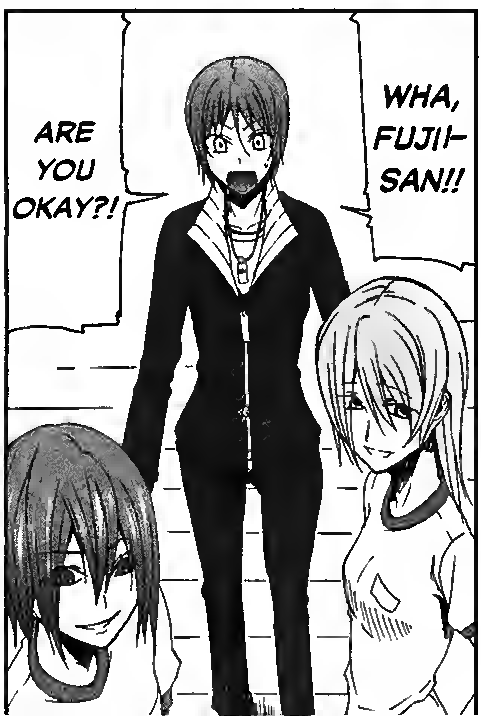

FOUL!!

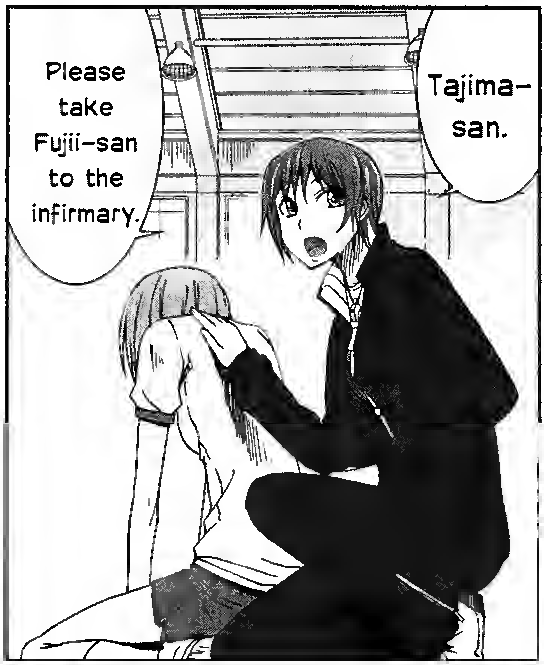

ARE YOU OKAY?!
WHA, FUJII-SAN!!

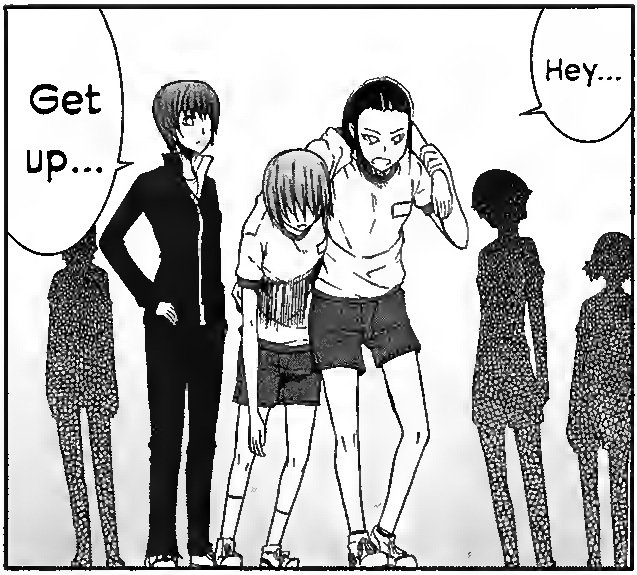
YOU REALLY DID IT, DIDN'T 'CHA, YORI!
WOO!
I DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE!
OH SHUT UP, YOU TWO!

You don't look that okay to me though...
Can you stand..?

I-
I'm okay...

Why me?!!
Huhh?!
What are you talking about?
Weren't you the one who charged into her?


Tajima-san.
Please take Fujii-san to the infirmary.


Get up...
Hey...

Guess I can't help it, then...
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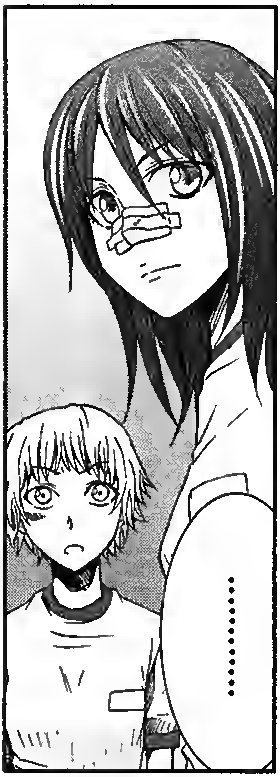
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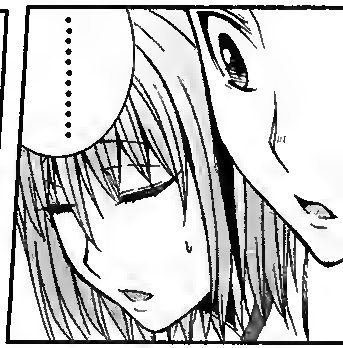
LET'S START AGAIN FROM THE JUMP BALL!
OKAY, OKAY!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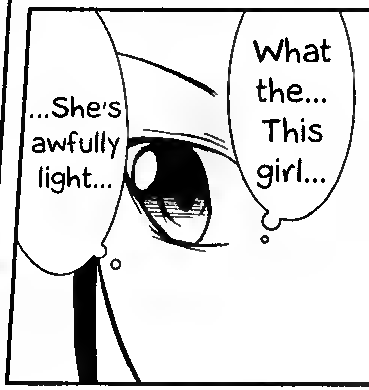
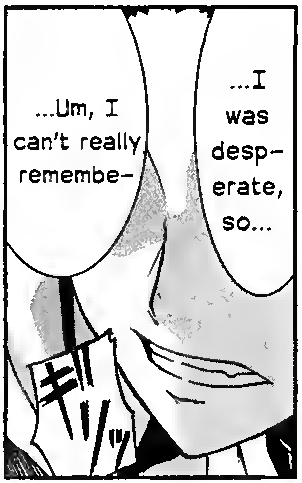
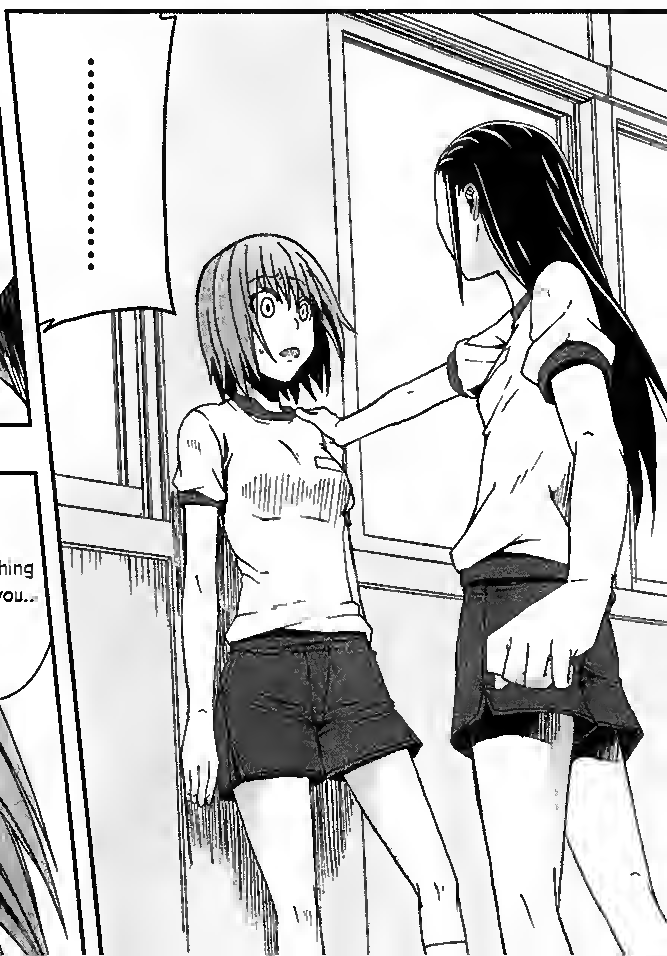

...She's awfully light...
What the... This girl...

Hey...
What's with your innocent acting?

T-That time was...
.....
...Wouldn't it have been okay for you to just hit me back?
Just like that time...


...I was desp-erate, so...
...Um, I can't really remembe-

Don't play dumb with me!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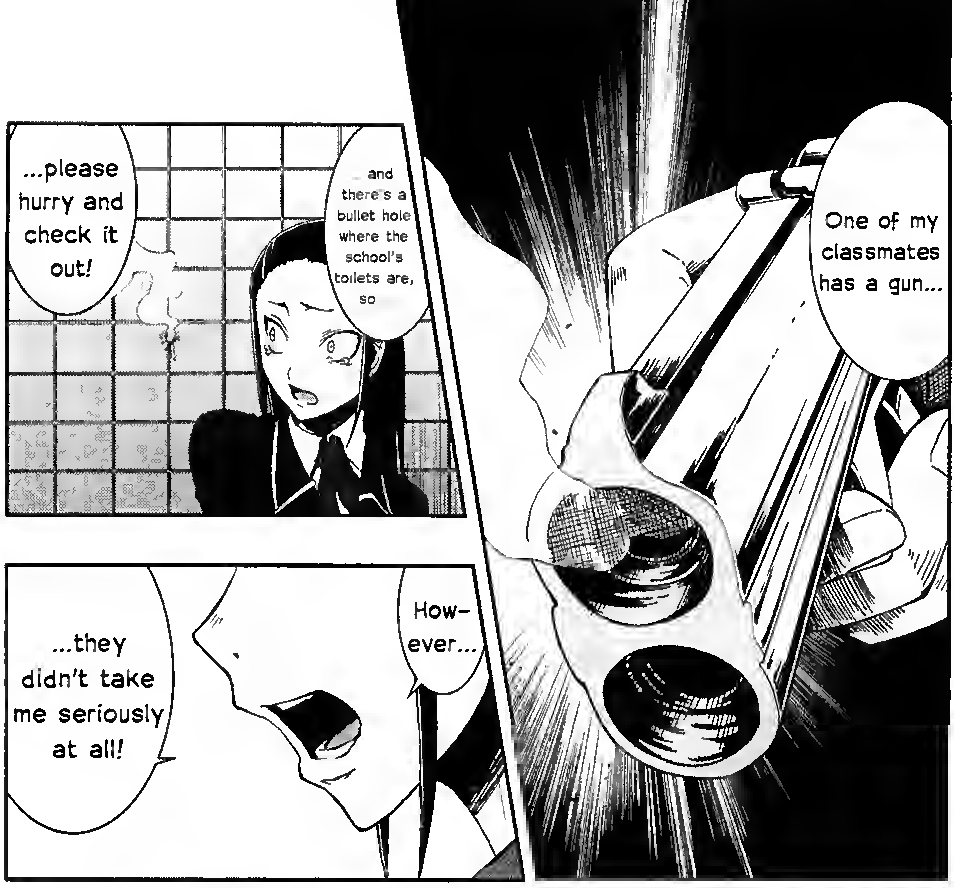
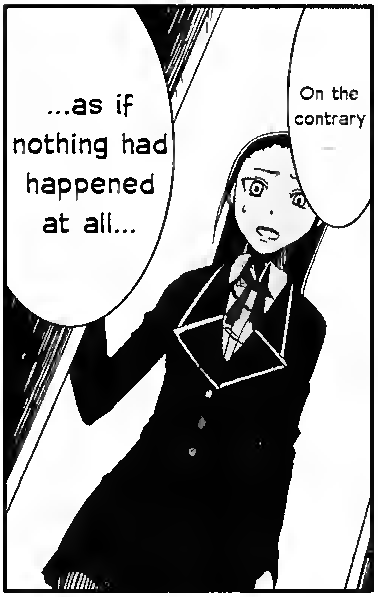
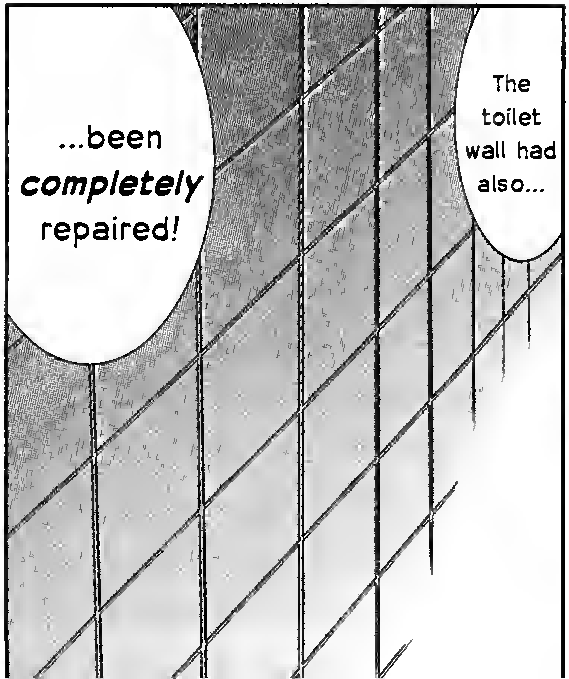
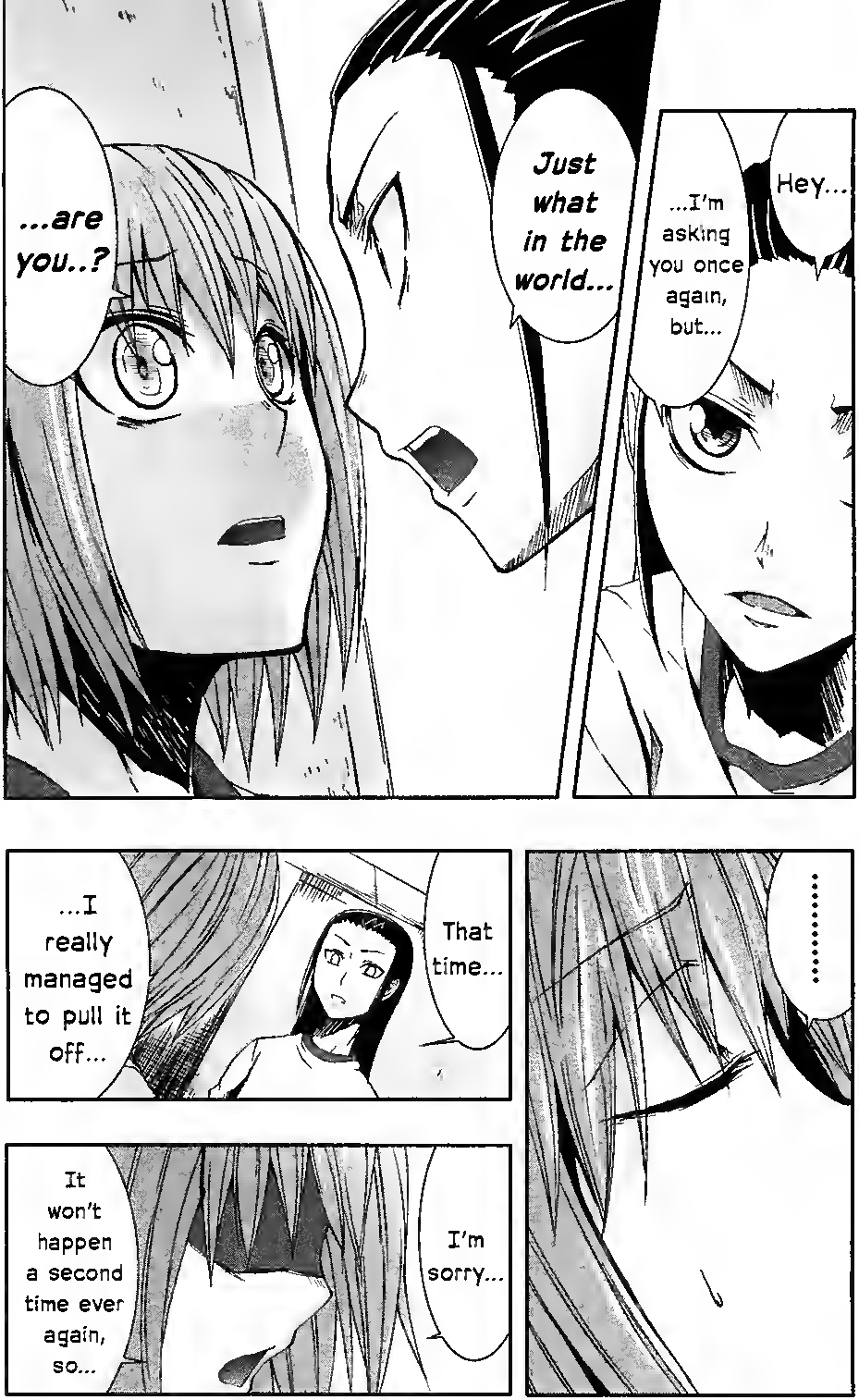
Everything about you..
...I already told the police!


One of my classmates has a gun...
...and there's a bullet hole where the school's toilets are, so
...please hurry and check it out!
How-ever...
...they didn't take me seriously at all!


On the contrary
...as if nothing had happened at all...


The toilet wall had also...
...been *completely* repaired!


Hey...
...I'm asking you once again, but...
Just what in the world...
...are you..?
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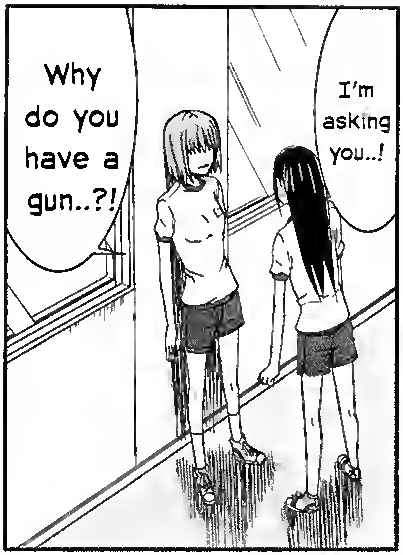
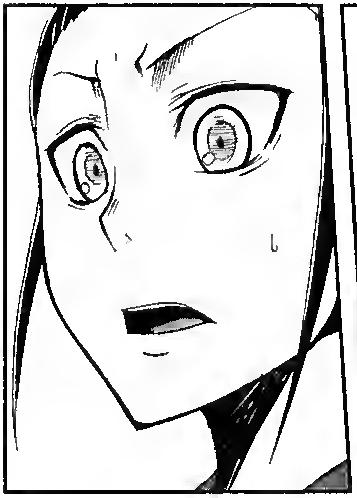
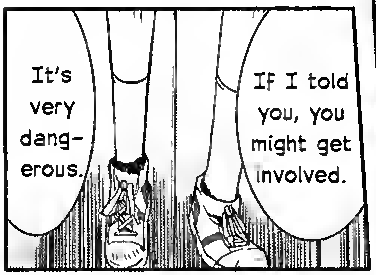
That time...
...I really managed to pull it off...
I'm sorry...
It won't happen a second time ever again, so...

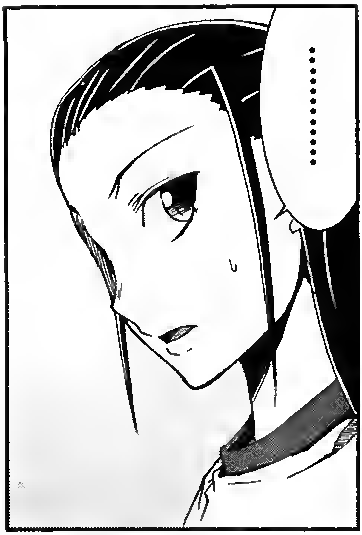

Why do you have a gun..?!
I'm asking you..!

I haven't finished talking yet!!
Wha–



I cannot say.


It's very dang-erous.
If I told you, you might get involved.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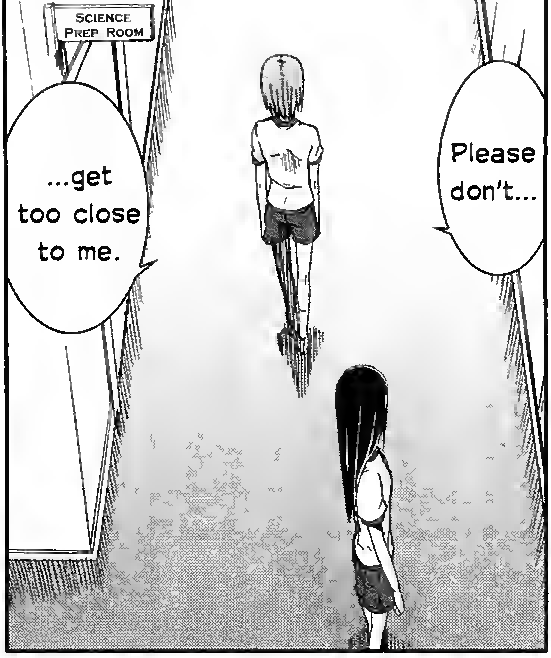
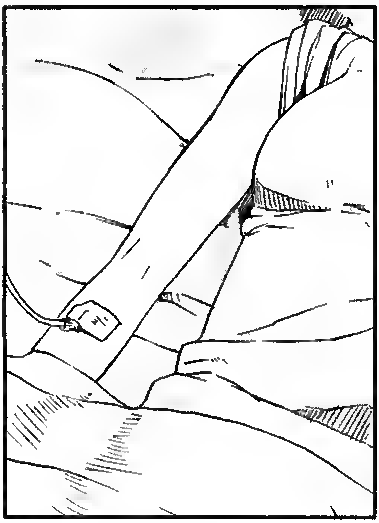
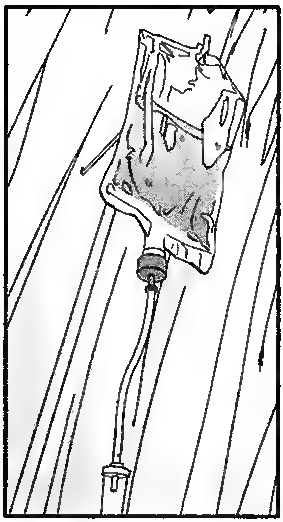
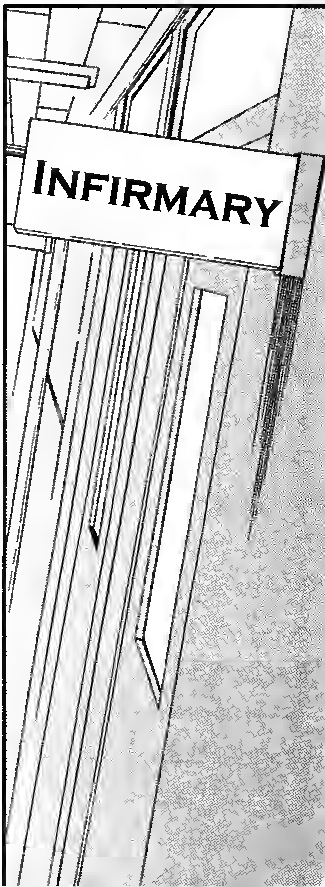

SCIENCE PREP ROOM
...get too close to me.
Please don't...



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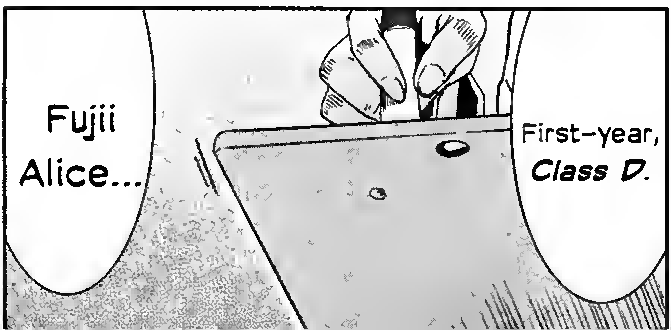
Fujii Alice...
First-year, Class D.

What a cute name, huh! ♡
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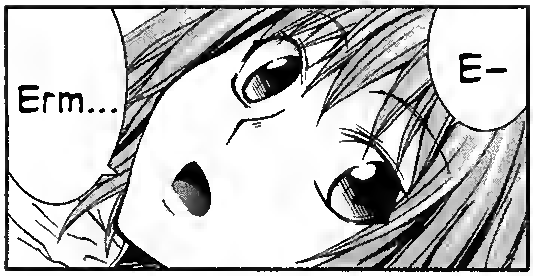
Thank you...
It looks like you don't have a fever, huh!
Lack of sleep and malnutrition...
...Even the injury isn't even that big of a deal...
...and not only that, but dehydration as well...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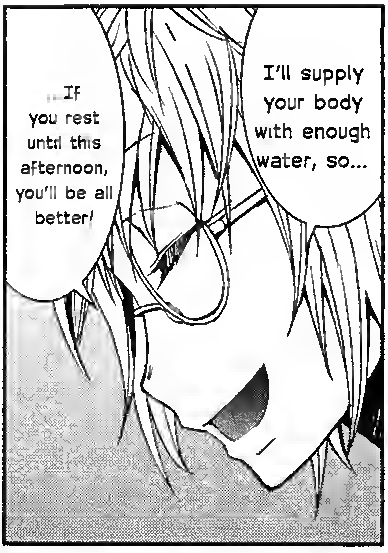
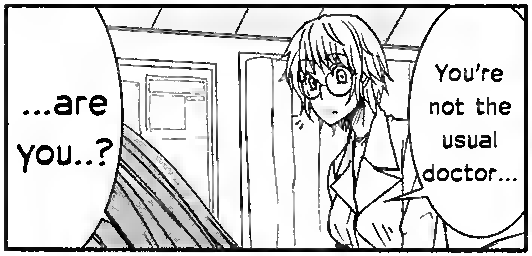
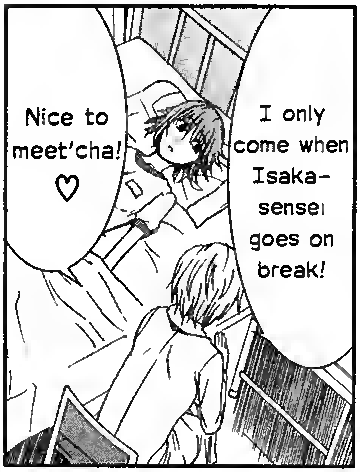
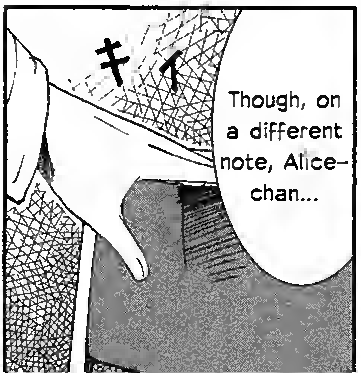
Erm...


I'll supply your body with enough water, so...
...If you rest until this afternoon, you'll be all better!


You're not the usual doctor...
...are you..?


I only come when Isaka-sensei goes on break!
Nice to meet'cha! ♡

Just part time!


Though, on a different note, Alice-chan...
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...Do you have...
...any kind of worries?
Whatever the case may be, you're way underweight!
I can't think of any reason other than excess stress!
N-No...
...I'm okay...
Hey!
Don't hide it!
It may be hard to say, but please do tell!
Are you concerned about your courses? Or could it be a boy?
Or could it be...

...about The Organization..?

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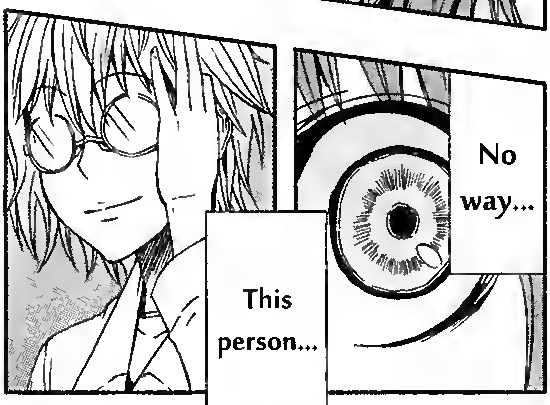
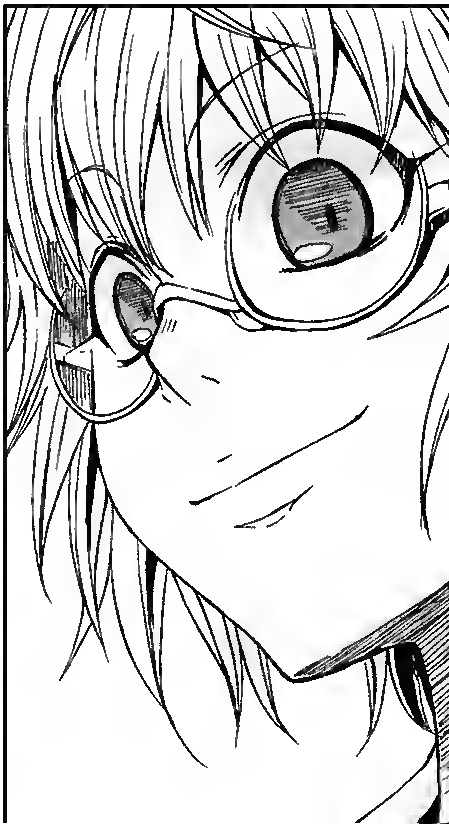
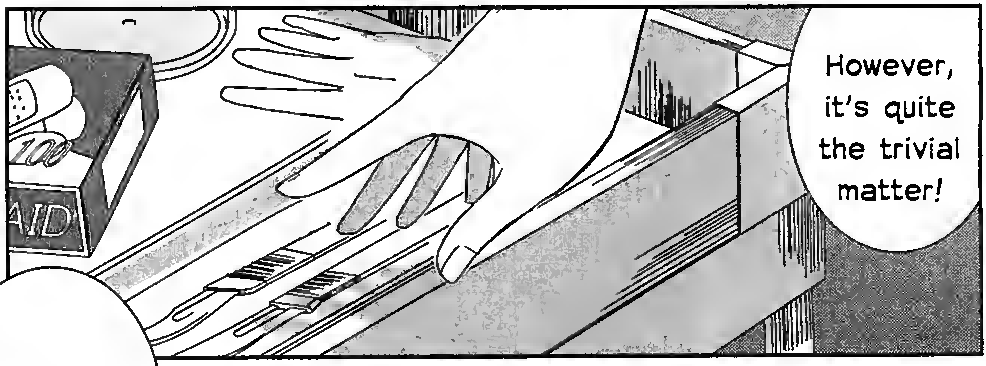
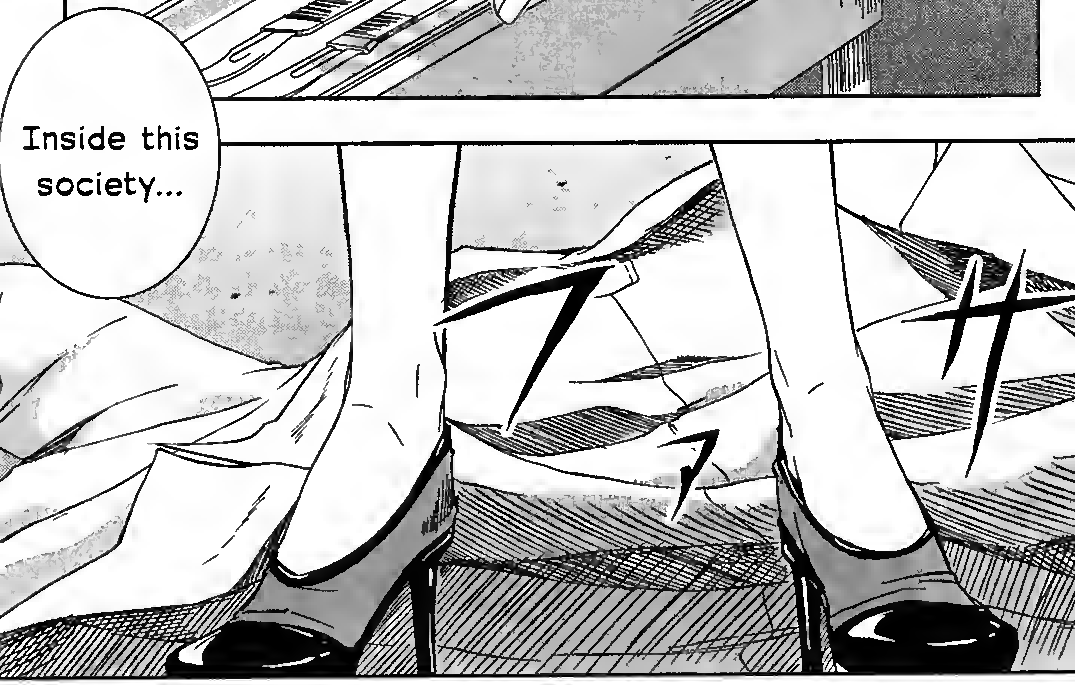

No way...
This person...



Not knowing...
...when you need to kill someone...

Well say...
...it gets quite stressful, you know?


However, it's quite the trivial matter!


Inside this society...

...There are worse things...
...than death, you know? ♡

There are tons of blind spots here.
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...that isn't the case.
...since the students would be able to see, I would be safe within the school, however...
I thought that...
I've already decided.
What's the best course of action?
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Before I am killed...
...I cannot do anything but kill.

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IT'S JUST LIKE THE RUMOURS SAID!
YOU'RE THAT BAD STICKY-FINGERED BRAT, AREN'T 'CHA?

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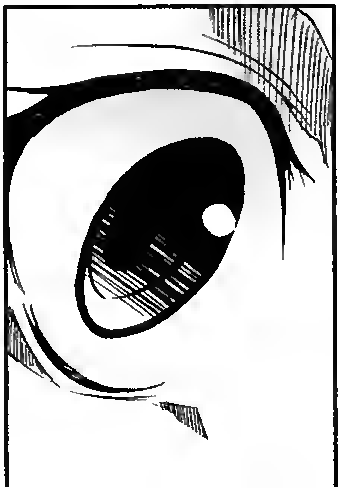

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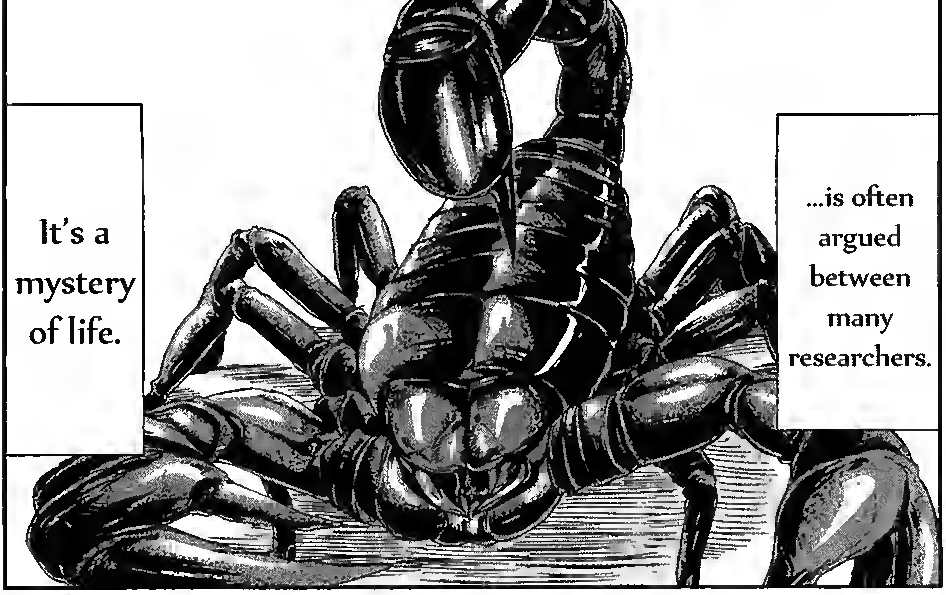
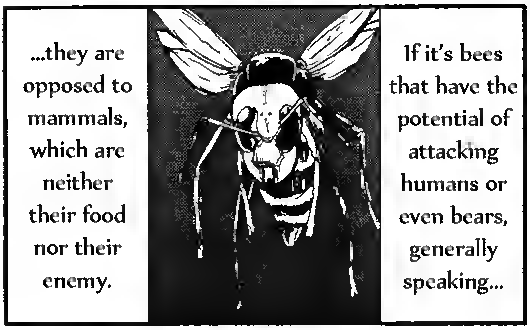
What is...
...this?

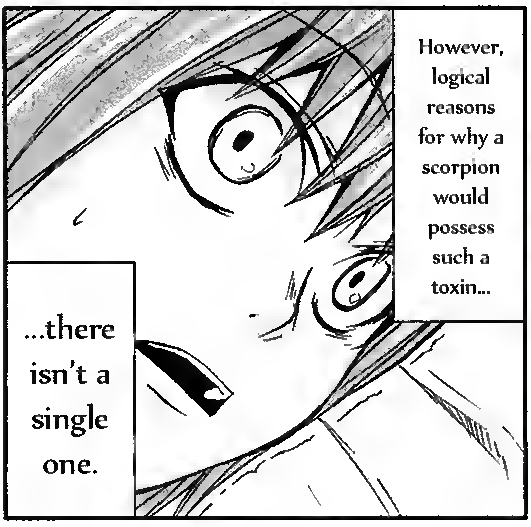
Oh, I'm kinda late with my introduction, hmm..?
My body...
...can't move...
My name is Sasori...
...Codename, Scorpion.
Those drops from before first came from the Yellow Fattail.
It's a mixed venom from the various types of strong-poisoned scorpions that originate in North Africa

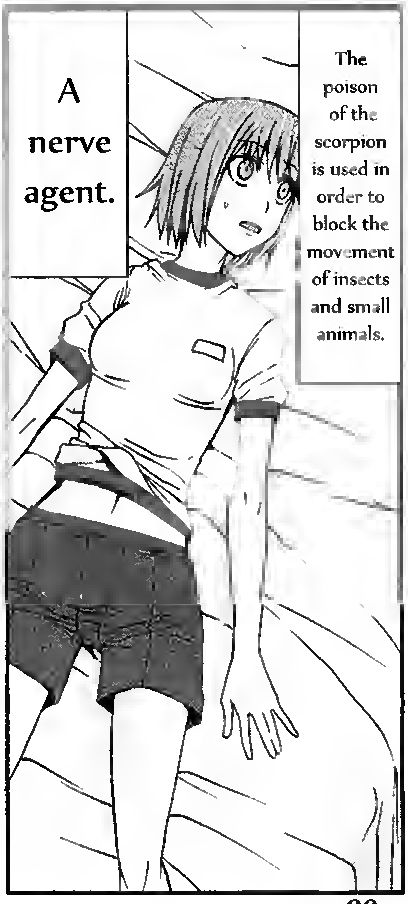
Scorpion Neurotoxin.
It forces the continued development of the action potential of your nerve cells...
...causing your muscles to contract and thus hastening respiratory failure.
Your body...
...rapidly paralyzes itself.

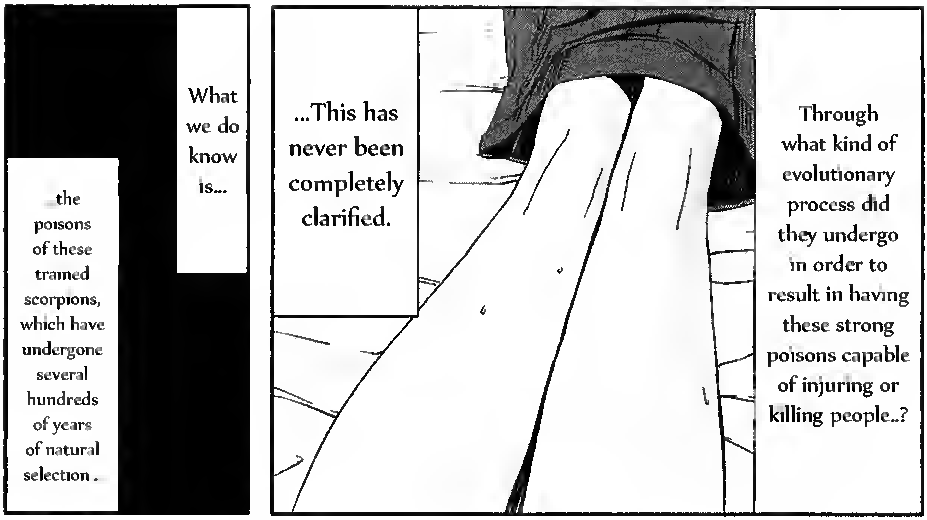
Speaking of scorpions...
...they give off the image that they are just bugs that have deadly poisons, however...
...out of about 1,000 species, there are only as few as about 20 of them—
—the ones that have dangerous toxins capable of causing extreme danger to the human body—
However, their existence...

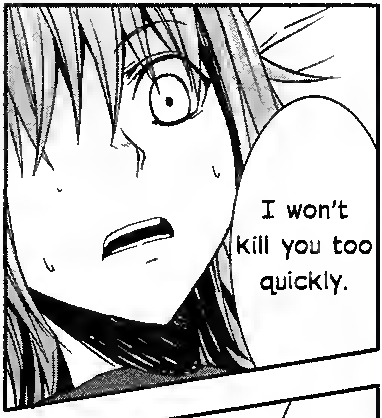

It's a mystery of life.
...is often argued between many researchers.


...they are opposed to mammals, which are neither their food nor their enemy.
If it's bees that have the potential of attacking humans or even bears, generally speaking...


However, logical reasons for why a scorpion would possess such a toxin...
...there isn't a single one.


A nerve agent.
The poison of the scorpion is used in order to block the movement of insects and small animals.


What we do know is...
...the poisons of these trained scorpions, which have undergone several hundreds of years of natural selection.
...This has never been completely clarified.
Through what kind of evolutionary process did they undergo in order to result in having these strong poisons capable of injuring or killing people..?


I won't kill you too quickly.

...immobile feast of hers...
In order for Sasori to eat the finely diced...

There is only this known fact.
...came about at the same time as this "anti-human" weapon.

I shall slowly...
...take my time killing you..!
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